



**Outer Cape Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan Steering Committee Meeting  
Discussion Summary/Minutes  
September 23, 2015  
Truro Town Hall**

Steering Committee Members in attendance: Charleen Greenhalgh (Truro), Karen Snow (Truro); Sara Hutchings (Wellfleet); Suzanne Thomas (Wellfleet); Martha Hevenor (CCC); Karst Hoogeboom (NPS), Sarah Korjeff (CCC); Lauren McKean (NPS). Members absent: Eric Larsen (Provincetown), Roger Chauvette (Provincetown).

The meeting came to order at 8:40 AM.

*1. Outer Cape Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan (OCBPMP) update:*

Martha gave an update on summer meetings with the town bike committees where each town reviewed potential secondary routes in their community. She also noted that CCC & NPS staff gave a briefing at Seashore headquarters on the OCBPMP to Matthew Beaton, Secretary of Energy & Environmental Affairs, accompanied by Sarah Peake and State Senator Gabi. She described a meeting with MassDOT officials in Taunton where CCC & NPS staff gave a presentation on potential route concepts and sought feedback on the feasibility of a separated off road multi-use path on Route 6. She said MassDOT seemed supportive of the idea.

Karen talked about the Truro Bike & Walkways Committee's meeting with the Board of Selectmen, noting that the BOS and the bike committee differ on recommendations. She asked about the Coast Guard Road – OKH – Head of the Meadow segment. Lauren said the OKH should have non-asphalt hardener. She said that HOM is planned for resurfacing in FY 2017 and she would check whether improvements to the OKH segment could be tied into that project.

*2. Review of potential primary and secondary routes*

The committee reviewed the draft route alternatives. Sarah explained that the route alternatives have been refined over the summer based on spring workshop input, resource analysis, and discussions with the bike/ped committees. Alternative A uses existing bike paths and railroad beds; Alternative B is the scenic local road alternative; and Alternative C uses the Route 6 right of way in a separated off-road shared use path. She explained that all three options travel on Route 6 between Cahoon Hollow and Rose Road/Collins Road, as there is no alternative connection.

Charleen and Karen noted that the west side of Route 6 in Truro has several commercial driveways and the school is on the right side. Martha explained that Route 6 crossings are challenging, so switching the route from east to west side needs be minimized if possible. Karen noted that some Route 6 crossings are easier than others. She suggested a tunnel for Head of the Meadow, but others noted that MassDOT does not favor tunnels given ongoing issues in some locations, such as Eastham. The group discussed bridges as a possibility but cost and aesthetic impacts could be

downsides. Karen noted they have dismissed Castle Road as a possible Primary route, but a crossing at Castle Road is still important. Karen explained her preference for using Old Kings Highway between Collins Road and Gull Pond Road. Lauren noted NPS concerns about archaeological sensitivity, Herring River restoration, and grades, plus Gull Pond Road is narrow and winding. The Wellfleet Bicycle Committee has not chosen that as a route. Sarah suggested that CCC and NPS staff take another look at the area. Suzanne said that the preferred spine for the Wellfleet bike committee is along Route 6 from Cahoon Hollow to Collins Road. She mentioned the ACEC. She said the Main Street intersection improvements are scheduled for 2018, and that will allow for enhanced bike/ped connection from Cahoon Hollow to Main Street and into town.

3. *Discussion of steering committee member roles when communicating with town bike committees and press*

Lauren noted that this item was initially put on the agenda to talk about communication rules under the NEPA process and how alternatives and plan information is made available to the public. Since the project is no longer undergoing an EA under NEPA, that is not an issue now. The group discussed putting maps of route alternatives A, B and C on the website.

4. *Discussion of potential dates for next public workshop*

The group talked about dates for a workshop in the first half of November. Martha will consult with Roger and Eric to get a sense of what are the best days in Provincetown to get a good turnout.

5. *Review and potential vote on discussion notes/minutes from the following meetings: August 27, 2014, September 25, 2014, October 29, 2014, October 30, 2014, November 2014, January 22, 2015, March 19, 2015, May 7, 2015.*

On a motion from Karen, seconded by Suzanne, the committee voted all in favor to approve the minutes as printed.

The meeting adjourned at 10:10.

*Meeting documents: Workshop exercise maps, draft discussion notes from August 27, 2014, September 25, 2014, October 29, 2014, October 30, 2014, November 2014, January 22, 2015, March 19, 2015, May 7, 2015.*